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SUBJ: USE BY US NAVY OF ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD

REF: A) STATE 252339, B) CAIRO 13769

1. ON BASIS YOUR ORAL INSTRUCTIONS, I HAD ALREADY
RAISED WITH FAHMY TWO DAYS AGO THE ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD
QUESTION (REFTEL B). I DID SO NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF
ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY'S PROPOSAL TO SURVEY THE SHIPYARD, BUT
IN THE MORE FUNDAMENTAL ONE OF WHETHER THE SHIPYARD
MASTER'S INVITATION OF JUNE, 1975, HAD HIGH LEVEL
POLITICAL AUTHORIZATION AND REFLECTED THE DESIRES OF
THE GOE. AS I HAVE SOUGHT TO STRESS IN MY VARIOUS PAST
MESSAGES ON THE SUBJECT, I HAVE HAD DOUBTS THAT THE
INVITATION WAS EXTENDED WITH NEEDED HIGH LEVEL GOE
POLITICAL APPROVAL.

2. AS IT TURNED OUT, MY SURMISE WAS CORRECT. NEITHER
FAHMY NOR GAMASY HAD BEEN CONSULTED BY THE SHIPYARD
MASTER BEFORE SENDING HIS LETTER. BOTH CONSIDER THAT
US NAVY USE OF THE ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD SO SOON AFTER THE
SOVIETS WERE EXPELLED WOULD CAUSE POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT
FOR EGYPT AND NEITHER FELT HE COULD RECOMMEND IT TO
SADAT AT THIS TIME.

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3. AS REPORTED REF B, FAHMY ASKED THAT WE "FREEZE" OUR

PROPOSAL FOR THE TIME BEING. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS
RESPONSE CLOSES THE ISSUE -- AT LEAST FOR THE TIME
BEING. WE CAN REMIND THE EGYPTIAN ON SUITABLE OCCASIONS
OF OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN USING THE ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD
FACILITIES ONCE THEY DEEM IT FEASIBLE TO PERMIT THIS, BUT
THE DECISION SHOULD BE THEIRS.
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